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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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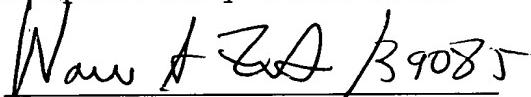
entitled: **DRIVE UNIT FOR WHEEL AND ASSEMBLY METHOD FOR THE SAME**

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 9 claims (61 pages).
2. 8 Sheets of Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-8.
3. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 2000-230606, filed in Japan on July 31, 2000; Priority Document 2000-251318, filed in Japan on August 22, 2000; and Priority Document 2001-006220, filed in Japan on January 15, 2001. A certified copy of each of these documents is submitted herewith.
4. X Information Disclosure Statement w/2 references.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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